



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/800,087  
Filing Date: March 12, 2004  
Applicant: Christopher A. Arms et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1774  
Examiner: Tamra L. Dicus  
Title: GRADIENT DOT PATTERN FOR REDUCING VISIBLE  
STEP LINES ON THE FACE OF AN APPLIQUÉ  
Attorney Docket: 4041A-000019

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.